

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces the Agricultural and Residential Working Group Meetings to develop an Implementation Plan to restore water quality in the Upper Goose Creek, Cromwells Run, and Little River watersheds.

AGRICULTURAL AND RESIDENTIAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS:

Thursday, September 22, 2016

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The Wakefield School

4439 Old Tavern Road

The Plains, Virginia, 20198

MEETING DESCRIPTION: These are concurrent Agricultural and Residential Working Group meetings to develop an Implementation Plan to restore water quality in the Upper Goose Creek, Cromwells Run and Little River watersheds. The purpose of the Agricultural Working Group will be to identify obstacles to implementation of best management practices to reduce bacteria coming from agricultural operations, along with practical solutions to these obstacles. The group will also evaluate partnerships and identify implementation strategies from a business perspective. The Residential Working Group will focus on the best ways to identify and eliminate straight pipes and failing septic systems. The group will consider various approaches to reach landowners, along with technical, financial and educational resources needed to meet participation goals. Both of these working groups will consider a reasonable timeline in which to achieve implementation goals.

DESCRIPTION OF AREA COVERED BY THE PLAN: The Upper Goose Creek, Cromwells Run and Little River watersheds have been identified as impaired and are on the Clean Water Act §303(d) list for not supporting Virginia's water quality recreation use standard due to the presence of fecal bacteria. The goal of the Clean Water Act is that all streams should be suitable for recreational uses, including swimming and fishing. The impaired segments identified in the 2003 TMDL study include:

6.41 miles of Little River from the confluence of Hungry Run to the confluence with Goose Creek and **3.81 miles of Cromwells Run** from its confluence with an unnamed tributary to Cromwells Run, approximately 0.78 rivermile downstream from Route 715, and continuing downstream until the confluence with Rocky Creek, which is approximately 0.4 rivermile downstream from Route 50. **Since the TMDL study, additional streams in the Goose Creek watershed have been added to the Impaired Waters List: 2.48 miles of Little River** from its confluence with an unnamed tributary downstream until the confluence with Hungry Run, **5.1 miles of Howsers Branch**, from its headwaters to the confluence with Little River, **6.76 miles of Cromwells Run**, from its headwaters to the confluence with an unnamed tributary at rivermile 4.61, **2.68 miles of Goose Creek**, from its confluence with an unnamed tributary at rivermile 35.28 downstream to the confluence with Panther Skin Creek, **4.31 miles of Goose Creek**, from its confluence with Kettle Run downstream to the confluence with Bolling Branch, **3.21 miles of Gap Run** from its confluence with an unnamed tributary (just downstream from Route 712) downstream to the confluence with Goose Creek, **3.64 miles of Bolling Branch** from its confluence with an unnamed tributary (just upstream from Route 723) downstream to the confluence with Goose Creek, **1.85 miles of Crooked Run** from its confluence with an unnamed tributary (just downstream from Route 724) downstream to the confluence with Goose Creek, and **5.91 miles of an unnamed tributary to Goose Creek** from its headwaters to the confluence with Goose Creek were determined to be impaired for bacteria. These impairments and their watersheds are also included in this restoration plan.

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